

Konan's portal took her to the woods outside of Traverse Town where she appeared at the ruins of the Keyblade Temple. She said to no one in particular, "It's been a long time since I was last here." She started to look around the destroyed building and gathered many memories of when she had built the place with her old partner whom she was starting to remember. "I wonder if he came back too... What was his name in this life? Edward? No, that was his last life umm.... Michael? I forget..." She dropped the topic and walked over to the pedestal that once held the scroll. She said, "Whoever destroyed the temple most likely ran off with the scroll, too. The time has finally come. I have to tell Master Bihai about it." Then she created a portal and went in to go see her old mentor, Bihai.

When Konan got to Bihai's house, she was stunned to see the wreckage of furniture and blood spilled in the living room. It looked like a fierce fight had taken place inside the master's house. A concerning question came to Konan's mind; was Master Bihai alright? Did the God of Darkness harm him? Konan walked into the next room to see that it was in shambles, too. But there was no sign of Bihai anywhere in the room. *'Where could he be?'* Konan wondered. She turned to the crystal ball for answers, the source of nearly all knowledge, and asked it, "Spirits of the Stars, where is Master Bihai?" An image of the grave outside the house appeared in the crystal ball. "I see..." Konan said sadly as she learned that her mentor had been killed. But there was a way to save him. Konan asked, "Spirits of the Stars, do you know if there are any more phoenixes left on this planet or at least containers of phoenix blood? It's very important that I bring Master Bihai to life. I need him to help Chase and the others defeat the God of Darkness." The crystal ball showed an image of a container of phoenix blood sitting on the shelf in the black market. Its price tag was incredibly high at the cost of 50,000 munny. "Thanks for your help. I assure you that we'll put an end to the dark god," Konan said before she took the portal to the black market to steal the vial of phoenix blood.

At the Keyblade Sanctuary which was a luscious rain forest world, Chase and the others found themselves surrounded by a horde of people fighting and killing each other. A chorus of yells, screams, and sounds of clashing keyblades filled the air as if someone had turned the music volume high. Chase told them, "From here on, we're going to split and do what we came here to do. If any of you happen to see Xander." He threw his speak mirror to Zephyr, who uttered a "whoa" and scrambled to catch it between his hands as he almost dropped it. "Look into the mirror and call me. I'll come over to you." Then he ran off through the crowd of warring soldiers and went to look for Xander.

Glacies watched him go for bit before she looked at Zephyr and said, "Let's stay close together and do this." She wanted to keep him close to her as possible so that she could protect the blonde easily from the aggressive fighters everywhere.

"Yeah!" Zephyr nodded and said to her as he looked around at the world around him. He kept his arm held back as he was ready to summon his keyblade at any moment.

Leohart, who was next to his students, said to them, "I will stay close to you two as I have promised your

parents."

"Okay," both apprentices replied to their mentor. Then the group ran to search for Joseph as they passed through the sea of several men and women who fought each other. Then someone's keyblade that was aiming to strike the foe, missed and slammed against one of the trees with the strength of a behemoth. The heavy impact sent the tree crashing down fast in front of Leohart, the unnamed man, and the apprentices. They all halted abruptly after getting startled by the fallen tree. The ice blue-haired girl had shrieked in fright as she jumped a little, while everybody else was wide-eyed in shock with No Name being the most collected out of the group, not that he was despite his seemingly straight face. After regaining their composure, the group climbed over the fallen tree and kept on going ahead. As the search went on, a random warrior used his Tornado Strike against his three opponents and blew them into the air. Unfortunately, Glacies was caught in the attack as well and she was sent flying across the air and separated far away from Zephyr, No Name and Leohart as she screamed in distress.

"GLACIES!!!" Zephyr called out in fear as his arm reached out to her as if he was trying to grab her and pull her back to them. But that would be impossible considering how far and fast Glacies was moving away from them.

Leohart gave Zephyr his command, "Get into your armor and we will go after her on our gliders." He pushed the button on his robes and threw his keyblade into the air like a boomerang. Zephyr did the same as No Name only needed to summon his glider. Soon, everyone were in armors and on their gliders that their keyblades had taken form of. They started to fly after Glacies.

No Name flew behind the master and his student as they went to get the girl. But just then, he was hit with a Fire spell that knocked him off his glider. The nameless man fell on the ground amidst the warring crowd. Then he saw from the corner of his eyes a silver misty keyblade swinging at him. He quickly dispersed his glider and re-summoned it back into the form of his keyblade. He swung it up to block the attack. The keyblades connected and the unnamed man got a look at who his opponent was.

It was a golden-eyed brunette boy who was about in his late teens. He wore silverish-white armor with Radiant Garden's flowery symbol on his breastplate. The boy swung at No Name again, but the dark-armored man dodged the hit by stepping to the side. In normal circumstances, the unnamed man would have fought anybody who tried to attack him. But since Chase told him not to fight any warriors with the affinity of light, No Name was just going to have to try to escape from this soldier, who was a lightblader. After another block of the attack from the soldier, No Name delivered a hard kick to the boy's gut to push him away. Then he spun around and ran as hard as he can.

But after moving within a 15 feet distance, No Name began to feel his legs coming to a halt as they went numb with paralysis. The man looked down at his feet and gritted his teeth in frustration as he wondered why legs weren't obeying his whim all of sudden. The Radiant Garden soldier walked up behind the man and said with a smirk, "Nowhere run to, buddy. Not as long as that Bind spell is keeping you trapped." So that's why his feet stopped running; the boy had cast a Bind spell on him. No Name

should have counted on the soldier to carry some spells to keep him from fleeing. He cursed himself for being careless. The boy said, "While you're stand there like a good boy, I'll be coming over to finish you off." The soldier walked over to No Name until he was standing behind his back.

The boy pulled his keyblade back to give his weapon the distance needed to increase its thrusting power needed to stab the man in the back to kill him. But before he could strike, No Name felt light air swirling around his bandaged keyblade. Though his lower body was unable to move, his upper body was still free to attack. "Aero," the nameless man murmured. Strong winds gusted around him like a barrier made to blow off any unwanted pests, which it did as the boy soldier was blown away by the Aero spell. He screamed as he flew backwards through the air before he hit the ground on his back.

As Chase ran through the crowd, a random guy ambushes him and tries to do a Fire Dash on him. But Chase easily dodged the attack before he could get burned and then he ran away to avoid the fight with him, when he sensed darkness within the guy. The random guy started to chase after Chase as he yelled, "Hey, get back here!" As the chase went on, two more people saw the temple guard and tried to attack him, but only to be blocked or evaded by Chase. So, they ran with the random guy after Chase, with three more people soon joining in on the hunt.

Chase growled under his breath and murmured, "This is getting annoying! I need to get these people off my tail now." So, Chase lifted his keyblade and shouted, "Magnet!" The magnetic magic orb appeared above Chase and sucked in his pursuers plus the busy warriors around him into the orb. The people screamed as they spun around the orb in different directions. With his foes stuck in his Magnet spell, Chase took the opportunity to create a portal and warp himself to the treetops. Perhaps this way he could spot the X-blade or Xander from a better view above.

After stealing money from a snobbish wealthy man's keep and purchasing the vial of phoenix blood from the black market, Konan warped back to the Bihai's home and stood next to the grave. She took the shove and began to dig up dirt to uncover the old man's body. Once he was taken out of the grave, Konan poured the phoenix blood into his mouth. Then she caste Haste on him so that the time it would take for the reviving effects to kick in would shorten by a half or more.

A squad of barbarians saw a pair of armored figures riding their gliders coming their way. One of the men asked, "Hey boss, what's that?"

Their leader said, "I don't know what they are, but I'm itching to try one of those. Let's say we throw these jackasses off their air-rides and hijack them for ourselves." Then the leader cast Fission Firaga at

Zephyr with two other men using their Thunder spells, while the other three attempted to attack Leohart with Freeze Raid, Tornado, and Fire.

Leohart expertly dodged the spells that were sent to them and located the attackers, but Zephyr wasn't as lucky. He was sent falling off of his glider, although the disappearing tornado had softened his fall and slowly got back onto the ground and his glider went falling away right by the Huns. "Zephyr, call back your keyblade," Leohart said to the boy seeing he was all right.

The boy explained his plan to Leohart, "No, I have an idea. When one of them goes onto my glider I'll make it go really high up. Then I'll call back my keyblade to the glider will disappear and then they'll be left in a free fall."

The barbarians looked at Zephyr's glider and their leader grinned and said, "Well talk about lucky! That thing's fallen right next to us."

One of the barbarian soldiers asked, "You're gonna ride it, boss?"

The leader said, "Nah, I'd rather go for the other ride that guy up there has. You guys can have that one."

The scarred barbarian said, "Alright, I'm getting on it first!" He got onto Zephyr's glider and it immediately went up at a high speed. The man cried, "Whooaaa!"

While the barbarian was taken to the sky, Zephyr saw a glowing light in his pocket. He took out the speak mirror and saw Chase's head in the panel. He asked, "Zephyr, I found Xander. He's hanging around above ground on the trees. Have you guys found Konan yet?"

Zephyr shook his head and replied, "No, we haven't. But I'm in a bit of a rough here. Glacies got separated from us while we were on the search. Master Leohart and I tried to find her, but then we got caught in a fight which we're trying to get out of now."

Chase said, "We try not to stay in that skirmish too long, remember we don't want the X-blade to be created before Xander is defeated. Anyway, where's that guy in the armor suit? Don't tell me he got separated, too."

Zephyr confirmed, "I hate to say it, but yes. He wasn't with us when we went to get Glacies." Then he saw Chase making an unhappy face and cursing under his breath. Zephyr could understand how the temple guard felt with the situation at hand; even the apprentice didn't like it.

Chase told him, "Well, try to get out of this fight and find Glacies and that guy you left. And then you find Glacies's father and Konan, okay?"

"Alright, I'll try," Zephyr said before Chase closed off the connection between mirrors. Soon the glider disappeared and the soldier came crashing down hard onto the ground and died.

The barbarians looked in awe with wide eyes as one of them cried, "Holy shit! What kind of board thing is it?!" Then the leader looked at Zephyr and threatened, "You punk! You're going to tell us how that thing works or else we're going to kill you!" The barbarians surrounded Zephyr in a circle to keep him from escaping as they all got ready to kill with their keyblades in case the boy refused to answer.

Zephyr said, "It's my keyblade meaning I'm the only one who can use it." He made his keyblade come back again and casted a quick Aerora before making his glider appear again. The barbarians were blown away by the apprentice's windy spell.

"Let's get going!" Leohart said to Zephyr. The boy nodded and they both flew away from the barbarians at a high speed.

Glacies and the black-haired pirate underneath her both groaned with pain from the fall and being landed on respectively. The pirate pushed Glacies off and turned around to engage her. The angry pirate yelled, "Yargh! How dare ye fall on me, you blue-haired wretch! I ought ta stab ye in the heart!"

Glacies yelled as she did a Counter Rush at him, "Sorry, but I have kinda busy right now. So, get out the way!" The pirate was hit by a flurry of blows from Glacies's keyblade before he fell backwards on the ground. Glacies ran away from the pirate and turned her keyblade into a glider. She hopped onto it and rode into the air to search for her friends whom she got separated from. But on the way, she saw her father facing off against two soldiers from another kingdom. This was her chance to save him; Glacies had to get him out of there right now. She shouted to him, "Dad, I'm here for you! Stop fighting them now and get away!"

Joseph jumped back away from his foes and said to his daughter without looking away from his opponents, "What are you doing here, Glacies? This is a war zone; you shouldn't be here. Go home before you get hurt!" The two foes went to him and tried to strike him, but the knight parried the attacks.

Glacies said, "I could say the same thing to you, dad! Listen, you, the kingdom, and all the other nations have been duped into fighting each other! This is all part of Xander's plan to get the X-blade, so that he can use it to summon Kingdom Hearts and gain its power."

"Who's Xander?"

Glacies said, "That giant talking head in the sky from last night. He must have told the other nations to go after Kingdom Hearts, so that he could get the rest of us to engage in the war of stopping them."

After killing his opponents, Joseph rubbed his chin in thoughts and said, "That makes sense now. I thought something was fishy here when those soldiers mentioned their country told by a strange man to find the X-blade. Alright, pick me up, Glacies. We have a lot of people to warn."

Then Glacies descended down to him, so that her dad can get onto her glider. Once he was on, Glacies let her glider ascend and started making her way over to find Zephyr and the others. The girl thought with a smile, *'Chase was right; this dream was just a possible future, not an exact future. I managed to get my dad out of the war without him dying.'* Then her smile disappeared as she knew there was one more person left to save. *'But we're not out of the woods yet. There's still Zephyr to save. I hope he's alright by the time I get there.'* As the glider flew, a few fireballs bombarded it and its riders who were burned and knocked off. The daughter and father screamed in pain as they fell from the ice blue glider. Both of them crashed onto the ground and got hurt from landing hard on the ground. Glacies groaned in pain as she struggled to heave herself up. She looked at Joseph, who was lying face-flat on the ground 5 feet away from her. She wondered if her father had died, until she saw him pushing himself up. The girl smiled with relief until she saw a keyblade stab her dad on his chest. A pair of warriors were in front of him: a red-haired woman who shotlocked the glider and a dark blue-haired man who murdered the father. Joseph fell backwards as he disintegrated into particles of light. All that remained of him was his heart was floating to the sky. Upon seeing her father's death, Glacies started to cry, sob, and grieve with sorrow as neither she nor her mother would ever see him again. Her tears streamed down her face and touched the ground where they soaked up the soil a little.

The red-haired woman snickered at the miserable girl and said in mock pity, "Aww, so sorry about your daddy, dear. But this is indeed war, so he had to die."

Then the dark-haired bluenette spoke, "That's right! It was either us or him. Now why don't we put you out of your misery so that you can join him!"

"Glacies!" the girl heard someone shout her name.

The warriors and Glacies heard sounds of gliders flying in the air and looked up to see Zephyr and Leohart. The girl thought, *'That's Zephyr and Master Leohart.'*

The woman said, "My, my, so the girl has some other friends with her. Well, that's two more bugs for us squish." Electricity cackled around her keyblade before she shouted, "Thunder Shot!" The lightning bolt shot out of the keyblade and flew towards Zephyr.

Glacies started to panic as her friend was about to be attacked and her eyes cried out more tears than ever as this could be the part where she loses her best friend, too. She reached her hand out to him as if she was trying to reach out to save him and she shouted loudly, "Zephyr!"

Zephyr got shocked by a Thunder spell and fell off of his keyblade glider which disappeared soon after

he fell off. But luckily, Master Leohart was able to swoop under and catch him.

Glacies placed a hand on her chest and let out a sigh of relief as she thought, *'That's right. Master Leohart promised that he would protect us.'* The keyblade master landed near Glacies and placed Zephyr on the ground.

The woman said, "Nice catch, mister. But now you have to deal with me and--"

She got interrupted by her companion, crying, "Watch out!" Then they were blown away hard by someone's Aeroga spell.

Zephyr was just barely able to hold his hand out and summon his keyblade to cast a quick Cure spell. Green light went over him. Suddenly he got more energy and was strong enough to get up. After the blond boy healed himself with his cure spell, Glacies's sorrowful tears turned into joyful ones as she hugged her friend tightly in her arms and cried, "Zephyr!" After a short sob, the sky blue-haired girl said, "Oh Zephyr, I thought I was going to lose you like I did dad! I'm so glad you're safe!" Then she looked at Leohart and spoke gratefully, "Thank you, master! Thank you for saving him!"

The master stated, "I wouldn't be a very good Master if I wasn't watching my pupils."

Zephyr started to talk, "Yeah, I'm fine. What do you mean like your dad? He already..." His voice slowly drifted to a stop.

Glacies's eyes watered with sadness once again and she started to sob over Zephyr's shoulder as if to confirm that her father was dead. She asked, "Oh... What am I *sob* going to tell *sob* mom?!"

Zephyr put an arm around her and patted her back, "You tell her you did all you could to save him, but there was just too much. She'll understand; your mother seems like a very understanding person."

"O-okay," Glacies choked.

Leohart told them, "Now come, we have an ally to retrieve, so that we can resume our search for Konan."

Up on the treetops, which were high above the battlefield, a dark corridor appeared and Xander stepped out onto a giant branch, which was big enough to hold him with any part of him looming over the edge, with a bag of popcorn in his hands. He sat down on the branch as he watched the people fight below him and ate his popcorn. To Xander, the war was like watching a pretty fun movie, so to match the simile, he brought popcorn along to eat while he enjoyed watching people kill each other. He thought, *'Look at them go! Stabbing at each other hearts like no tomorrow and that sweet smell of blood*

in the air is like perfume. Watching the Keyblade War like this is better than sitting back in the cult's temple and watching through the image spell.' While he popped in another hand full of popcorn into his mouth, a man from a higher branch dived for him while his keyblade was charging up wind magic in an attempt to blow him off. Xander sensed his presence and thought, *'Now how the hell did he climb up all the way here? I thought all those dopes would be too busy going for each other's throats to climb trees. Oh well, I'll just deep-six him and go back to watching my game.'*

Then as he turned to fight his attacker, he saw LimeX knocking the man away and letting him fall down to his doom where he hit the ground and died. The dark temple guard gazed at him before she crouched and bowed. Xander wondered what was the meaning of his foe's behavior until she raised her head and said, "I know I have no chance of beating you, so I wish to join you. When you get the X-Blade I would rather be on your good side. Besides, it would be nice not to be stuck in a goody-goody world." She bowed her head again.

Xander thought, *'I guess she's heard how I destroyed her friend's ass. Cowards like her would be afraid to fight me now that she knows how strong I am. But how do I know this surrendering act isn't all a ruse for her to avenge femboy?'* He didn't entirely trust her as he had no idea if she really wanted to be on his "good side" or not. He told her, "So if you really want to become my minion, then why don't you start by showing me proof of your loyalty?"

"Xander!" an angry voice yelled. The two darkbladers looked to the direction of the voice's owner to find Chase on another branch from them. The light temple guard had finally found the villain he was looking for and this time, he was going to put a stop to him.

Xander looked at Chase with confusion and awe and wondered, *'How the heck did the punk guy survive my deadly finishing move? He should have been dead. No one survives something like that from me when I'm at my full power. I guess Hippie Hair is tougher than I thought; I'll give him credit for that.'*

Chase turned his glare to his former partner and growled with bitterness, "And LimeX, you traitorous snake!" Apparently, Chase had overheard the words spoken between Xander and LimeX after he warped to the treetops.

Xander's eyes shifted to the girl beside him and thought with an amused smirk, *'So she really is against her friend now. Too bad that doesn't change the fact that I'm still not going to let my guard down around her.'* Just because she recently defected to his side, doesn't mean she was entirely honest about it. She was his enemy before, so Xander really need to know for sure if she can be trusted or not.

Chase yelled at Xander, "You're going to pay for sacrificing a thousand lives just so you can take the X-blade for your selfish needs!"

Xander chuckled darkly in amusement and asked, "And just how do you plan to do that, little man? Not only did I destroy you last time, but your friend here has now defected to the dark side." He patted

LimeX on the back to say that she was his partner now and continued, "I beat you once and I can do it again!"

Chase said with confidence, "Oh really? You may have won last time, but this time it'll be you who's going to take the fall. Why? Because I know all your moves and tactics, plus I brought a few friends with me."

As he summoned his keyblade, Xander said, "Big whoop, kiddo! I know your moves as well. So, I'm one step ahead of you. But if you're still willing to throw your life away, I'll be more than happy to take it and sell it to the big horned man himself, so that he can keep it in Hell for all eternity."

As Chase got into his fighting stance, he said, "Fine by me. That'll be a wager I'm willing to take, if I have to stop you from taking over the universe."

After watching this banter, LimeX opened her mouth and said with a shrug, "Why waste your energy Xander? I could defeat him in two shakes of a salt shaker."

Xander grinned at LimeX and said, "Alright go ahead, girl. At least I get to sit down and watch you two kill each other. Should be a pretty neat show."

LimeX's eyes were blank of any emotion as she stepped forward and summoned her keyblade. "There is one thing I hate, and that is people who continue to waste my time and their energy. Come on then, light scum. Let's see if you know my tactics." There was a hint of humor at the end. They both knew LimeX had trained when Chase was away, so she had exactly this advantage. She was a dark blade user after all. Prepare for every eventuality, as they say.

Chase looked at LimeX and said, "Bring it on, LimeX!"

LimeX smirked and said, "With pleasure."

For his first move, Chase raised his keyblade above him and shouted, "Magnet!" A magical orb appeared above him and attempted to draw LimeX in like a magnet, hence the spell's name, so that Chase could attack her in the air.

The black-haired girl saw the magnet spell and her eyes glinted as she leapt straight into it to look like she was getting pulled by the orb. The trick worked as Chase jumped up to her and attempted to swipe his keyblade at her. LimeX met him midair and their keyblades clashed. She pushed him away and twirled in air.

The lightblader did a back flip on one of the branches and landed on the one behind the previous one. Then he focused his aim at LimeX as he was preparing to use his Shotlock attack on her. His focus energy built up gradually for a few seconds until he was fully charged. Once he had enough energy to attack,

Chase used his Meteor Shower attack by sending out a volley of light balls at LimeX. The girl grunted as one of the lights hit her and made her fall from the air. With LimeX temporarily out of the way, Chase took out his spare speak mirror and began to talk to Zephyr through it, "Zephyr, I found Xander. He's hanging around above ground on the trees. Have you guys found Konan yet?"

Zephyr's head appeared on the mirror and replied, "No, we haven't. But I'm in a bit of a rough here. Glacies got separated from us while we were on the search. Master Leohart and I tried to find her, but then we got caught in a fight which we're trying to get out of now."

Chase frowned in response to the bad news before he asked the blonde, "We try not to stay in that skirmish too long, remember we don't want the X-blade to be created before Xander is defeated. Anyway, where's that guy in the armor suit? Don't tell me he got separated too."

Zephyr said, "I hate to say it, but yes. He wasn't with us when we went to get Glacies."

Chase clenched his teeth and cursed under his breath, "Dang it!" This was not going out how he planned and hoped for. "Well, try to get out of this fight and find Glacies and that guy you left. And then you find Konan, okay?"

"Alright, I'll try," Zephyr said before Chase closed off the connection between mirrors.

After Chase put the mirror back into his pocket, he saw LimeX leaping at him and launching a Thunder spell at him. Chase quickly jumped to the side to avoid getting zapped by the spell. Then LimeX landed next to him and swung her keyblade at him, which was blocked by the silverette. On her third move, LimeX did a technique she had practiced a dozen times, and could only do once a day and hit Chase across his face. Then she called Thunder without saying a word and zapped her comrade with the spell. Stepping back, she twirled and prepared for another attack. She gazed at him steadily and said, "I worked on that move for 10 years."

Chase was dazed for a few moments before he replied, "I see you practiced a lot. But can you handle this?" He quickly used his Round Blitz attack by spinning and swinging his keyblade at her a few times.

LimeX, instead of dodging the round blitz, jumped right into the attack. She blocked the blade on the first strike and grabbed it with her hand. There was a moment of stillness as she smiled and said, "Fire." She set Chase's Kingdom Key on fire and burned the light temple guard's hands. Chase winced in pain while fighting the urge to let go of his burning keyblade, because the moment he drops it, the keyblade would fall below the trees and land right onto the sea of fighting enemies. As she twirled her blade, she let go at the last possible second as the flames disappeared. Jumping back, she quickly healed her wounds and said, "You know, if you were a darkblader, I would be dating you. You want to know-" She jumped straight into a thrust by the Kingdom Key.

The silver-haired man smirked and said sneered, "Well be lucky I'm not, because I'd break your heart

into a million pieces and spit on each and every one of them before you even get the chance to kiss me."

LimeX grinned as their blades met and they began to battle to reach each other's thoughts. She told him, "Thinking dark thoughts there? Be careful Chase, or you might just become what you hate."

Chase said confidentially, "Don't worry, I'm not too much of a weak-willed sucker to fall there."

After what seemed like a while, Bihai felt life returning back to him. *'Hmm, huh? What happened? What's going on now? Am I still alive?'* the old man wondered. Then he slowly woke up from his bed and got up on his feet. He looked around for Xander, but the man wasn't here anymore. The master wondered aloud, "How long have I been out?"

Konan said, "Probably for the whole night, but who knows? I wasn't there when you got killed." She had been sitting on a chair and folding some paper cranes and other origami as she waited for her former mentor to be revived.

Bihai turned his head to look at the woman and recognized his student and former temple guard, whom he hasn't seen in years. He asked, "Konan, is that you?"

She folded another crane, Konan said, "It's been a while, Master Bihai. I'd never imagined I would find you slain in your own home. So, what happened here? It seemed like you had a rough fight here."

Bihai said, "Indeed I did, Konan, and he was my most difficult enemy to face. He was the man, no, monster who stole the scroll from the temple and killed Chase." He hung his head down in grief for his deceased apprentice.

Feeling pity for Chase, Konan said, "Oh my, poor Chase. It's unfortunate to have lost such a noble temple guard."

Bihai said, "Indeed, and he was like a son to me, too. Now with the knowledge from the scroll on how to gain Kingdom Hearts, that vile man will take more lives as well to get what he wants. Even worse, he'll claim even more lives after he throws all the worlds into darkness. We need to stop this fiend, now! But first, we need some advice on how to defeat that madman from the Spirits of the Stars." He went over to the crystal ball and asked, "Spirits of the Stars, I'm sorry we failed to keep the evil man from starting the Keyblade War, but we desperately need your help to end it quickly without too much bloodshed and without the fiend getting the--" Suddenly the crystal ball showed images of various people of the past; they were all Bihai's and Konan's pre-incarnations. There was Bihai shown as a blonde-haired man, a galka, a carrot-haired boy, and other male variations in his past lives. Konan was shown as a silver-haired woman, a dark-skinned girl, a viera, and so on of her female pre-incarnations. "What's this?" Bihai asked in confusion as he wondered the meaning of what the crystal ball was showing him.

As they saw all these images, memories from their past lives started to pour into their minds. The two suffered headaches as memory after memory came into their heads. "Edward? Lawrence? Francis? Jasper?" Konan asked going through her mind for a few of Bihai's old names.

"Sierra, Lalafine, Maria," Bihai said Konan's previous names as he saw flashbacks running through his head. He knelt down on his knees and clasped both sides of his head with his hands while groaning in pain.

After the migraines ended, Konan put a hand on her mentor's shoulder and said, "Remember making the keyblade temple? Well, whatever is created must be destroyed eventually. And this place's time has come."

Bihai nodded as he recalled his first life before all these reincarnations he went through for generations and said, "Yes, we made this temple in our first lives, correct? So, if the time has come, then we must banish the dark god and lock him away in his realm."

Konan said, "This life doesn't matter anymore though; it is our first lives that do. We should get going. We can't be the X-blade bearers; that would be impossible. If our keyblades were to go, then everyone else's would too. So, we don't need to worry about fighting, but we should still try to save energy."

"Then that will definitely prevent another keyblade war from occurring," said Bihai. "But the keyblades are too important for this realm for all of them to disappear. Instead, we must devise a way for only a chosen few people to wield the keyblades. Keyblades should only be wielded by those who have the strongest hearts, that way no power-hungry fool will start another keyblade war."

Konan added, "That's a good idea. One should also be able to pass a keyblade onto another, only if they have what it takes." She held out her hand and the piece of paper appeared folding itself into her keyblade.

"Agreed!" Bihai said as he nodded.

The woman asked him, "We should get going, remember the secret teleportation chamber we made only accessible to us?"

The old man ran through his memories until he finally recalled its location and replied, "Yes, I do! Come; let us go so that we can rewrite the laws of the keyblade."

Konan followed him to the chamber and said, "Xander is already making the X-blade for us, so all we need to do is get into Kingdom Hearts before he does. With the power inside Kingdom Hearts, we can separate the worlds and do as we have planned. Of course, we can't wipe the memory of the keyblade, but over time it will get forgotten." She stepped in and set it so that they would be taken right to the

Keyblade Sanctuary where they would face off against Xander. The glyph underneath them started glowing and the magic contained within it teleported them over to the Keyblade Sanctuary.

The duo found themselves at the edge away from the battlefield of crowds of soldiers. Konan said, "The war's still going on, which means the X-blade hasn't been created yet."

Bihai suggested, "Then let's hide and wait until the X-blade appears." The two moved to search for a hiding place quietly behind the tall bushes of plants so as not to make a sound that would alert warriors to their presence. But then to their dismay, a trio of mercenaries who had chased and killed a lone soldier came across their path.

The dark-haired boy wearing a red cape saw the woman and old man and said in an emotionless tone, "More enemies."

The green-haired girl with a cheerful look on her face said, "Ooh, more playmates for us? Kikia loves to play!"

The hotheaded bulky tan-skinned man said, "Let's demolish these living structures right now!"

Bihai and Konan both summoned their keyblades and Bihai said, "Konan, get ready to fight."

Zephyr, Glacies, and Leohart flew on their gliders as they retraced their direction back to where they left No Name. Soon after a little while, they found their comrade fighting off against two Radiant Garden soldiers, one of whom had joined the fray to help the boy defeat No Name. The Bind spell may have worn off, but No Name was still having trouble getting out of this fight. The three fighters' keyblades would flash either a white light or a black light depending on the weapon. Glacies pointed to No Name and said, "Look! There he is! The guy who was with us."

"And there's Chase and LimeX fighting each other," said Zephyr as he pointed to the temple guards hitting and dodging each other. Then he pointed to the red-blond man in dark attire and said, "And I guess that's Xander over there. I'd never thought the guy we saw two times would be the bad guy."

Leohart said to his apprentices, "Well it looks like we got to two things sooner than we expected. Zephyr, Glacies, you engage Xander, while I go rescue the man from his attackers." Then he rode down to aid No Name.

Glacies asked, "Wait, we're going against Chase's plan? What about Konan?" She was confused about why Leohart was having the apprentices fight a dangerous man without the aid of Konan or anyone else.

Zephyr answered, "He probably doesn't want us wasting any more time before the X-blade is created

and it's been a long time. Come on, let's stop Xander."

The girl sighed, "Alright, fine. We'll go get him." She was still worried about this idea. Then they rode over to the muscular man.

Before Leohart could reach No Name, a volley of dark arrows struck him and glider. Leohart was thrown off course and he crashed into a tree. The glider fell and hit the ground at the base of the tree. The sneering red-haired woman said, "There he is, I knew we would find him soon."

The arrogant forest green-haired man said, "So this is one of the maggots you two let escaped. You had better hope that he's easy this time."

The blue-haired man said, "Don't worry, he only got away thanks to dumb luck. But this time, he'll definitely die."

"You better see to it," the greenette growled. Then charged towards Leohart and attempted to swing with full strength at his head, but Leohart ducked down quickly to avoid the hit. The greenette swung again, but Leohart blocked the attack and pushed him back. Then when he saw the blunette coming over to attack, Leohart got out of his glider and parried the man's multiple attacks. He walked back as blocked one strike after another while the man went forward to keep the distance between them from widening a bit. The red-haired woman fired out a volley of fireballs from her keyblade at the keyblade master. Leohart quickly cast a barrier around himself to defend against the woman's shotlock attack.

As Xander watched the fight between Chase and LimeX, he sensed a few flickers of strange energy coming from their keyblades every time they clashed together. Xander raised an eyebrow in curiosity as he asked himself, "Now what the hell is going on here?" Suddenly, he heard sounds of flying engines and turned his head around to see Zephyr and Glacies on their keyblade gliders. Xander grinned in dark amusement and said, "Well speak of the devil; it looks like those kids came to war, too."

Glacies glared angrily at the man who started the war. "Xander!" she yelled loudly.

Xander said as he ate the last of his popcorn, "What a nice surprise, so it seems like that Chase guy wasn't the only one after me."

Glacies yelled furiously, "You heartless jerk! How could you send thousands of lives here to die just so you can get that X-blade?! Thanks to you, I've just lost my dad. What do you have to say for yourself, mister?!"

Xander chuckled heartlessly and said, "What do I have to say for myself? Big whoop! I could care less about your petty sob story or all these fools down there killing themselves. I just want Kingdom Hearts,

so that I can destroy the light in this realm and make this whole realm a part of my turf."

Glacies yelled at Xander, "What the hell are you talking about?! Why would you want to destroy all the light? We need light; it's essential for our lives!"

Xander told her, "Maybe to mortals, but not for me, pussy. You know why? Because I ain't a part of this realm."

"What do you mean?" Glacies demanded to know. She had no idea or clue about what the man was talking about. But whatever it is, she had a bad feeling about this.

Zephyr asked, "How can you not be part of this realm?"

Xander chuckled in a sinister way and said, "Because I came from the other realm, known as the Realm of Darkness. It's the realm I created and rule over as its ultimate king." Then he stood up and threw away his popcorn bag which fell all the way onto the ground below and said, "By the way, I'm not really a human being. I'm just taking this form, so that I can blend in with this world without anyone freaking about a monster running amongst them." Then Xander removed three of his bangles and a dark aura started to cover his entire body. The apprentices gasped in awe as they stared at the shadowy aura around the 'man'. Xander showed the three one of his bangles as he explained, "See this bangle? This is one of the special bangles that I used to recover and heal all the wounds I've suffered as a great demon god during my last battle with the light realm. Powerful deities like me may be able to crush everything with ease, but we take an extremely painfully long time to heal unlike mortals like yourselves who only need a short time, so I resorted to these bangles to speed up the recovery. Unfortunately, it costed my full power and true form for them to actually work. But now that I'm actually close to becoming my old self again, I won't to rely too much on these bangles. Plus, since the Keyblade War will create the X-blade, I'll be able to get the Kingdom Hearts, the ultimate treasure forbidden to both mortals and even great gods like myself, to heal the rest of my few remaining wounds, destroy my ancient rivals, and take over this entire realm!" Then Xander summoned his keyblade and challenged the three, "Come! Let's see if you all have the guts to stop me from changing your lives!"

Now Glacies was starting to get scared, she wasn't sure if she and her friend could take on an evil god, who gets stronger with less bangles on him, by themselves. She looked at Zephyr to see if any he was confident to try and stop him. She thought, *'Master Leohart, Chase, LimeX, Konan, and the guy whose name I don't know, hurry up and get over here!'* She prayed for her allies to hurry up and come help them fight Xander. She looked at her best friend and asked, "Zephyr, do you believe that demon gods can be defeated?" Glacies wanted to help protect the universe from Xander, but she was going to need a really good answer to get her motivated to do so.

"Well he did say he was defeated before," Zephyr said getting into a battle stance. He assumed that Xander suffering great injuries meant he lost the previous battle.

Glacies said, "But how was he defeated? We don't even know how his enemies in the past thwarted him. It's going to take some kind of miracle for just the two of us to figure this out. We need help, Zephyr; we're just apprentices and this guy is a freakin' god. There's no way, we're a match for him like this."

Xander said to him, "Listen to your girlfriend, kid. She's right! I'm way out of your league. I can easy snap your arm bone in two in this state I'm in right now." Then he stripped a piece of bark of the tree and split it in half to demonstrate what he was talking about. "Crunch!" he exclaimed.

But Zephyr wasn't intimidated at all by Xander and his bark-snapping. He explained, "Don't worry, we just need to snap the bangles back onto him so that he can be weakened again. We should start with our combo to ourselves a good headstart."

The bluenette girl was still skeptical despite that fact about Xander that Zephyr mentioned. "I don't know, Zeph. I just think we should--"

But the blonde interrupted her and said, "Don't hesitate, Glacies. You just need to trust me on this one. I promise you we'll be alright."

The girl sighed as she gave up and said, "Alright fine, let's do this." Glacies hoped that her friend was right about this, because she didn't want to die doing something foolish like this. She pointed her keyblade at Xander to aim her magic spell at him. "Fire!" she shouted as a fireball came out of her keyblade.

Zephyr followed up her spell with his, "Aerora!" The winds stirred wilder in a bigger radius than his Aero had, which gave the fireball an even bigger boost than it did before. The fireball tripled in size and went flying towards Xander.

The reddish-blond-haired man watched the enhanced fireball coming towards him as he seems unworried about it. Xander just smirked confidentially and within milliseconds, the fireball was now really close to Xander, but then the man jumped high and fast before he got hit and burned. Glacies gasped while Zephyr just tensed at how easily the dark god dodged their special combo attack. Xander landed on a higher branch and mocked, "Whoops, missed me!"

Glacies growled in annoyance and cast another spell, "Thunder!" But as the lightning bolt came close to zapping Xander on the top of his head, the man sidestepped the attack as if the Thunder spell was really easy to avoid.

While dodging more spells the apprentices tried to blast him with, Xander sensed more energy coming from Chase's and LimeX's battle with each other, as well his fight with the apprentices and other battles taking place elsewhere. Xander smiled with lust for power as he thought, *'Yes, keep this up you fools! Soon, I'll have the X-blade and rule this entire universe!'*

LimeX paused, frowned and gazed to the battlefield. She saw flickers of black and white lights coming from a few people in the battlefield. She saw them come from No Name and his two opponents, Leohart and his three enemies, and a silverish-blue-haired girl fighting against two light-haired blondes. Even LimeX's and Chase's keyblades gave off some light. She murmured, "Wait a minute, our blades are sparking...." She did not give up, but turned her head slightly and saw Xander watching them. She turned and a smile lit her face, hidden from view from Xander. "This is it Chase," she whispered as she began to push him back. "Whoever gets it, attack Xander before he attacks us." And she jumped back and cried out and attacked once more in a rapid succession of attacks and parries.

Chase told her, "Got it, but be quick about it, LimeX, before Xander gets to it." Then he rapidly blocked most of her attacks and tried to get in his, but LimeX parried his attacks. These rapid strikes were releasing more and more energy to release the shards out of the keyblades to forge the X-blade. Chase murmured to her, "It's getting there, keep this up, LimeX!"

LimeX paused and then sped up. She urged every ounce of her strength into one swing, which Chase guarded against when he used both his hands to hold the Kingdom Key's handle and teeth and used its pole to stop the swing. LimeX roared and cried out her Thunder spell as her blade began its downward stroke. The force was too much that Chase was sent hurling backwards over another branch. He would have fallen to the ground had he not grabbed one of the smaller branches and swung himself back up to stay in the trees. Chase looked at LimeX's eyes gazing at him and noticed a sign of fatigue in her foggy eyes. He jumped branches towards her until he was near enough to start striking her again. But LimeX danced back and only defended against all his attacks for a moment as she brought up her strength. Then, after a few moments, she launched into the same attack. This time Chase dodged the move by dropping himself down and rolling to the side. Then as he was crouched down, Chase swung his keyblade at her legs and swiped her off her feet. LimeX fell over and would have fallen backwards to the ground, had Chase not caught her and pulled her up. Chase told her in mock sneering, "Careful, LimeX. I wouldn't want you dead before Xander is."

The Dark Blade snickered and said, "Stupid Chase. Don't you know I could have used a portal to save myself? Also, this is a battle; you don't help your opponents!" Then she thrust at his gut to push the breath out of him and knocked Chase back into the tree's bark. LimeX was about to cast Fire at him until a dark shard flew out of her keyblade.

Chase's light shard came out of the Kingdom Key. He watched his shard follow LimeX's dark one. Chase had remembered Bihai teaching him about the 13 shards of darkness and 7 shards of light being needed to create the X-blade, but he never told him who were the chosen ones to possess them. Chase never thought that he and LimeX would be one of the ones to forge the X-blade. More shards came from Leohart's keyblade and his opponents, with the master being the light and his foes darkness. Another set came from No Name and soldier boy's keyblades of darkness and the other boy's keyblade of light.

Xander's and the apprentices' watched their shards flew up to follow the others. Even more shards appeared after Bihai and Konan's fight with the mercenaries; Konan's dark shard was created when she was under the influence of the Blackout spell and she accidentally attacked Bihai. Finally, the last set of shards came from the silver-blue-haired demon girl's and her female enemies to join the gathering. The shades all pieced themselves together to form the X-blade, a magical weapon resembling two Kingdom Keys crossing each other with teeth around the intersection facing outward and filigree at the top.

LimeX said, "Chase, look! We did it, the X-blade is here. Now we can go use it to kill Xander."

Chase said, "Right, now let's go get it before Xander touches it." Then the two made a dash for the X-blade and they both grabbed it at the same time. Suddenly a huge ball of light engulfed Chase and LimeX and they suddenly fused into one person; a black-haired girl with lime green eyes, white tanktop, light yellow & black short-sleeve jacket, LimeX's pants & footwear, and a blue cloak over the clothes.

Xander looked behind him and saw that fused person holding the X-blade in his hand. The dark-auraed man smiled evilly and said, "At least, the X-blade is here! Now LimeX, hand it over to me!" He was unaware that 'LimeX' was now two people instead of one.

But the girl gripped tightly on the X-blade and spun around to look at Xander with a defiant look as she yelled in Chase's voice, "I don't think so, Xander. I'm not letting you have the X-blade so that you can open up Kingdom Hearts."

Zephyr and Glacies looked at the hybrid girl in surprise as they wondered why was LimeX talking in Chase's voice. They both thought it was a bit too creepy.

Xander folded his arms and smirked as he said, "Heh, I just remembered that you don't really need to wield the X-blade to unlock Kingdom Hearts. The X-blade can automatically do it on its own once it's forged."

"What?!" Zephyr, Glacies, and Chase-LimeX cried simultaneously in shock.

Xander told them, "That's right, you heard what I just said! The moment the X-blade appears, Kingdom Hearts will come right over to me!" Then he looked up at the sky and said, "Oh look, here it is now."

Then Zephyr and the two girls looked up at the sky as well as saw a heart-shaped moon in the sky. Glacies asked, "Is that Kingdom Hearts?"

Chase-LimeX despaired, "No, we fell right into his trap!" He had a feeling LimeX's plan was going to be a bad idea, but he did not think it would turn out like this, the X-blade summoning Kingdom Hearts on its own part specifically.

Xander removed his last bangle and zoomed upwards in a line of darkness as he flew towards Kingdom

Hearts. Once he got to the heart-shaped moon, Xander shouted, "Kingdom Hearts, fill me with the ultimate power of darkness!" Then in a matter of seconds, the entire world of the Keyblade Sanctuary was covered in darkness and the warriors on the ground below stopped fighting and started wondering what was going on. Then a blast of wind started blowing through the world as the lush vegetation started to wither and disappear quickly. Glacies and Zephyr held onto each other so that they wouldn't get blown away by the powerful gusts of wind, while Chase-LimeX was clinging on the branch she was on and Master Leohart grabbing onto his own tree. Soon the tree they were on cracked up into pieces and the group started to fall down to the ground. The teenagers screamed as they fell off. Zephyr got hit hard in the head by something flying at him knocking him unconscious. But luckily, Glacies quickly turned her keyblade into a glider and put Zephyr on it to ride with her, so that they wouldn't die from the long-fall to the ground. Their mentor made his own glider appear to follow where ever Glacies would go. Chase-LimeX used his portal to go through and appear at the bottom to shorten her fall. After a few seconds, the winds died down and the Keyblade Sanctuary was no longer lush with vegetation, it was now a complete wasteland. Soon, a hideous-looking black giant anthromorphic draconic wolf monster with yellow eyes landed on the field and spoke in a distorted Xander's voice, "At last, the power of Kingdom Hearts is mine! Thank you suckers for getting me to the very thing I needed! Now the first thing I'm going to do is turn each and every one of you into my heartless minions!" Then Xander the demon god started to shoot giant dark balls out of his hands and fired them at the sea of keyblade wielders. Many people got destroyed by those blasts and their hearts rose up into the sky towards the god's claw holding out for them to take. A surviving minority of the soldiers managed to flee the Keyblade Sanctuary before they would be turned into heartless.

Glacies landed next to Leohart and No Name, both of whom had feelings of dread to the situation around them. Though he already knew the answer, the nameless man asked, "We were too late, weren't we?"

"Obviously," said Glacies. Any pea-brained idiot would see that Xander had won.

After Chase-LimeX had created a portal back to Leohart's castle, she went over to the group and she said, "Quickly, get into the portal!" Glacies reverted her glider back into a keyblade and they all went into the portal for safety and escape from Xander's massive attack.

All around the planet, skies became pure black in color. For the worlds touched by the sun, it was not even nighttime and it had a lot of people astonished and in awe. Xander's power had covered the entire Realm In-Between in darkness, making it another Realm of Darkness. The denizens questioned what was going on. Some considered this a bad omen; some panicked, thinking it was the end of the world; and some who believed in the darkness wondered kind of fortune this darkness would bring.

In the countries where light was heavily worshipped, Heartless started to raise up from the ground out of thin air. People looked at these black creatures with fear and wary, some brandishing their keyblades to

defend themselves as others fled with their loved ones to keep them out of harm. The Heartless went to attack them as fighters fought to protect their homelands from these nasty fiends.